Engaging the Public in Mission: Iconic Reefs



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Summary	Assist NOAA's Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in the development of stewardship programs to engage the public in coral restoration through the Mission: Iconic Reefs project and support the creation of educational programming including lesson plans, field guides, and activity booklets.
Country	United States

Project Description

The coral reefs at the foot of Florida are legendary, making up a barrier reef that spans more than 255 continuous miles. The reefs are home to lobster, sea turtles, fish, and more, and they have protected the coastline from storm surge for thousands of years. But these coral reefs, like coral reefs across the globe, are in serious trouble.

In recent decades, the coral reefs within Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) have been damaged by hurricanes, bleaching, disease, and heavy human use. The sanctuary and its partners are working diligently to protect the reefs, but our efforts have not been able to keep up with the decline. Now, NOAA and our partners are launching Restoring Seven Iconic Reefs: A Mission to Recover the Coral Reefs of the Florida Keys, one of the largest investments in reef restoration anywhere in the world. By restoring corals at seven iconic reef sites in Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, we can change the trajectory of an entire ecosystem and help save one of the world's most unique areas for future generations.

This internship will provide support to FKNMS education and outreach staff in the development of stewardship programs to support Mission: Iconic Reefs. These programs will engage volunteers and scuba divers in reef restoration. Additionally, this internship will support the development of education programs and materials, including lesson plans, activity books and more, to raise awareness of the ecosystems protected within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and how people can become stewards of this special place.

Find out more about the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary here- https://floridakeys.noaa.gov/Find out more about Mission: Ionic Reefs here- https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/habitat-conservation/restoring-seven-iconic-reefs-mission-recover-coral-reefs-florida-keys

Required Skills or Interests

Editing and proofreading
Educational design

Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

Writing

Additional Information

Intern should have the ability to communicate sanctuary related information effectively to a wide variety of audiences, produce sanctuary education and outreach content that meets branding guidelines and developmental milestones, and possess the competence to work effectively in a team environment and carry out assignments independently.

Language Requirements

None